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## FIXES 8 HOUR DAY FOR PUBLIC WORKERS

New Law Provides Length of  
Day's Work for Employees  
of State, Etc.

A new state law, passed by the legislature and just approved by Governor Emmerson, fixes an eight hour day for all public work, on which the pay has been fixed by contract, is of much interest in the city and county. This new statute applies to all public work whether it be that of state, county, cities or lesser political units.

The bill was in force beginning July 1. It applies also to city work, such as sewers or other improvements, even including the street laborers.

### Applies to Townships

The law reaches into the townships, where the pay must be fixed by the town board, and the hours of labor must not be more than eight.

"Every contract," the law says, "which requires or involves the employment of laborers and mechanics in the construction, alteration or repair of any public work, for or on behalf of the state or any of its political subdivisions, shall contain a provision to the effect that the rate of wage for all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any sub-contractor on the public work covered by the contract shall be not less than the prevailing rate of wages for work of a similar nature in the city, town, village, or other civil division of the state in which the public work is located."

### Pay for Overtime

The law further states there shall be no more than eight hours' work except in emergencies, where it is necessary for the preservation of property or other good reasons. When there is overtime for this reason, then there shall be overtime pay.

As to the amount of the wage, the law says: "In case any dispute arises as to what are the prevailing rates of wages for similar work which cannot be adjusted by the contracting officer of the state or political division, the matter shall be referred to the director of the department of labor for determination, and his decision thereon shall be conclusive on all parties."

The law also provides it shall be the duty of the political division letting the contract to ascertain the wages paid, and to insert in the contract.

## Milwaukee Cop on Day Off Captures Three Youths in Roadhouse

Suspicious of three youths eating at a counter with him, one day last week, in a roadside cafe on Waukegan road near Deerfield, Ray Smith, a Milwaukee policeman, ignored the fact that it was his day off and laid plans that resulted in their arrest and subsequent confessions to a series of crimes in Milwaukee.

Smith followed the trio to their car, and discovered that one reached into the machine to get a revolver. The vacationing policeman called Chief of Police Percy McLaughlin of Deerfield and within a few moments all were in custody.

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